Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 09/24/2018	Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol Division / Century Station	Admin. Invest.? [✓] Hit? [ ]

Incident Information

URN: 017-18901-2199-057	Date: December 6, 2017 Time: 0214 Hours
City or Station: Century Station	Nature of Incident: Deputies Hunziker and Alerich contacted Suspect PerezPena regarding a VC violation. Suspect PerezPena drove away, pulling Hunziker with her vehicle. Alerich fired five rounds at her vehicle.
Location: 109th Place / Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles	

Location Type (check one or more):
- [ ] Backyard
- [ ] Beach
- [ ] Business
- [ ] Freeway
- [ ] Industrial
- [ ] Park
- [ ] Parking Lot
- [ ] Residence
- [ ] Rural
- [ ] School
- [✓] Street
- Other:

Lighting (check only one):
- [ ] Darkness
- [ ] Daylight
- [ ] Other
- [✓] Street Lights

Weather (circle only one):
- [✓] Clear
- [ ] Cloudy
- [ ] Fog
- [ ] Rain

Distance:

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy:

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect:

Incident Type (check one or more):
- [ ] Accidental
- [ ] Armed Person
- [✓] Fleeing Suspect
- [ ] Foot Pursuit
- [ ] Gun Take Away
- [✓] Moving Vehicle
- [ ] Sniper/Ambush
- [ ] Startle
- [ ] Struggle Involved
- [✓] Traffic Stop
- [ ] Unarmed Person
- [ ] Unintentional
- [ ] Vehicle Pursuit
- [ ] Warrant Service
- [ ] Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (check only one):
- [ ] Arrest Warrant
- [ ] Call
- [✓] Observation
- [ ] One Person Unit
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Search Warrant
- [ ] Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (check only one):
- [ ] Detective
- [ ] Inmate Transport
- [ ] Other
- [✓] Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? [ ] Canine Unit? [ ]

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one)	ShiftType (check only one)
[redacted]	Quintero	Christopher	J	[✓] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	[✓] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Smith Goudy	Russell	X	[✓] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	[✓] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Rodriquez	Troy	W	[✓] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	[✓] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
[redacted]		[redacted]		[redacted]
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph: [redacted]
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more)
[redacted]	Rodriquez	Troy	W	[✓] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[✓] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Foster	Curtis	D

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Hoang	Tri	T

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SH # 2442200

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
12/06/17	0430 Hours	12/08/17	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Azteca	Javier	P
[redacted]	Jordan	James	T
[redacted]	Powers	James	C

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton (Control)
(BI) Baton (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	OV					NN	
E1	S1	FH	SS	45	Y	Y	NN	

See Front Side

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 017-18901-2199-057

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: Alerich	First Name: Nicholas	M.I.: R
Sex: M Race: W	Rank: DSG	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 213F
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [✓] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): [✓] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? [✓]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: Seven	Duty Time (hrs): 10	Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [✓] Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: 27 Height: 5'10	Weight: 210		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Sig Sauer	Caliber: .45	# Shots: 5	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:
Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:

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Employee #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? [ ]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? [ ]	Patrol Certification? [ ]	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? [ ] Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: [ ]
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
Field Training Officer Emp #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

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Employee #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? [ ]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? [ ]	Patrol Certification? [ ]	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? [ ] Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: [ ]
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
Field Training Officer Emp #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

URN: 017-18901-2199-057

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: PerezPena		First Name: Carolina	M.I. Y
AKA Last Name: Perez		First Name: Carolina	M.I. Y
Sex: F Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: None	Home Phone: None	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 28 D.O.B. 11/07/89	Height: 5'04 Weight: 140	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking # 5205906	Primary Charge: 245(c) PC	Secondary Charge: 10851(a) CVC	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Methamphetamine
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☑
Vehicle Make: Kia		Model: Optima	Year: 2015

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
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Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
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Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I. / #	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Gonzales	David	[redacted]	11703 Alameda Street, Lynwood Ca.	90262	323-568-4752	
Galdamez	Carlos	[redacted]	11703 Alameda Street, Lynwood Ca.	90262	323-568-4752	
De Casas	Adrian	[redacted]	11703 Alameda Street, Lynwood Ca.	90262	323-568-4752	
Ortiz	Jorge	[redacted]	11703 Alameda Street, Lynwood Ca.	90262	323-568-4752	
Hunziker	John	[redacted]	11703 Alameda Street, Lynwood Ca.	90262	323-568-4752	

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty, Non-Hit Shooting, Suspect Not Injured**
IAB FILE #:	**SH 2442200 FO 2463369**
URN #:	**017- 18901-2199-057**
DATE/TIME:	**December 6, 2017 / 0214 hours**
LOCATION:	**Avalon Boulevard/109th Place, Los Angeles**

SUMMARY

On December 6, 2017, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team, comprised of Sergeants Javier Azteca, #[redacted], James Jordan, #[redacted], and Lieutenant James Powers, #[redacted], responded to the incident command post located at 11151 S. Avalon Boulevard, regarding a deputy involved non-hit shooting. Carolina PerezPena (Suspect PerezPena), was identified as the only suspect involved in the incident. Suspect PerezPena fled the location of the incident and was not in custody at the time of the IAB team response. The involved deputies were not injured during the incident.

IAB Lieutenant James Powers ensured the on-duty watch commander, Lieutenant Tri Hoang, #[redacted], took reasonable steps to ensure the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident amongst themselves, or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators.

Detective [redacted], #[redacted], from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Operation Safe Streets Bureau (OSS) arrived and assumed control of the criminal investigation. For further information regarding the criminal investigation refer to Detective [redacted] supplemental report under URN# 017-18901-2199-057, filed within this IAB casebook under the miscellaneous documents section.

SYNOPSIS

On December 6, 2017, at approximately 0210 hours, Deputies John Hunziker and Nicholas Alerich were working Century Station unit 213F/E.

During their early morning patrol assignment they observed a silver Kia Optima (suspect vehicle) travelling westbound on 110th Street, approaching Avalon Boulevard in the city of Los Angeles. They observed the vehicle did not display a visible vehicle license plate as it travelled on the roadway. Additionally, the driver (Suspect PerezPena) failed to activate the vehicle's turn signal prior to turning northbound onto Avalon Boulevard from 110th Street.

Deputies John Hunziker and Nicholas Alerich conducted a traffic stop at Avalon Boulevard and 109th place regarding the observed vehicle code violations. During the traffic stop Deputy Alerich contacted the driver (Suspect PerezPena) from the passenger side. Deputy Alerich told Suspect PerezPena to roll down all of the windows and turn off the vehicle. Deputy Hunziker spoke with Suspect PerezPena from the driver's side and requested her driver's license.

Suspect PerezPena advised Deputy Hunziker she could only provide a paper copy of her driver's license. Suspect PerezPena attempted to locate the paper copy of her driver's license by searching through her multiple bags, but was unable to locate it. Deputy Alerich asked Suspect PerezPena to provide him with her name, date of birth, and driver's license number.

Deputy Alerich returned to the patrol vehicle and conducted a record check via the Mobil Digital Computer (MDC). The record check revealed Suspect PerezPena's California Driver's License had been suspended. Deputy Alerich walked back to the suspect vehicle's passenger side, as Deputy Hunziker remained at the driver's side of the same vehicle. Deputy Alerich took note of the suspect vehicle's identification number (VIN) and again returned to the patrol vehicle to conduct a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) record check via the MDC. The DMV record check revealed the suspect vehicle was reported stolen; by the Los Angeles Police Department Southwest Division.

Deputy Alerich alerted Deputy Hunziker of the stolen vehicle status via his portable radio. Seconds after Deputy Alerich alerted Deputy Hunziker of the stolen vehicle, Suspect PerezPena started the engine as Deputy Hunziker remained at the driver's door. Deputy Alerich observed Deputy Hunziker attempt to escort Suspect PerezPena out of the suspect vehicle's driver's seat. Simultaneously, Suspect PerezPena immediately accelerated and drove forward at a high rate of speed. From Deputy Alerich's vantage point, he observed Deputy Hunziker being dragged by the suspect vehicle as it sped away, eastbound on 109th place from Avalon Boulevard.

Deputy Alerich ran toward the suspect vehicle, which was then approximately five to ten feet ahead, and observed Deputy Hunziker's upper body inside the suspect vehicle as Deputy Hunziker's feet dragged on the ground from the accelerating suspect vehicle. Deputy Alerich heard Deputy Hunziker yelling, but was unable to understand what he was yelling. The suspect vehicle turned right (eastbound) on 109th place, from Avalon Boulevard.

Believing Deputy Hunziker's life was in danger, and in an effort to stop the assault, Deputy Alerich fired five rounds at Suspect PerezPena from his duty weapon. Deputy Alerich observed Deputy Hunziker free himself from the suspect vehicle. Deputy Alerich reassessed the situation and initiated an emergent broadcast utilizing his portable radio. Deputy Alerich advised Century Station patrol units he was involved in a shooting. Deputy Alerich broadcasted suspect information and requested units to search the indicated area for Suspect PerezPena and/or the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Hunziker and Deputy Alerich drove their patrol vehicle eastbound on 109th place in an effort to locate Suspect PerezPena and/or the suspect vehicle. Deputy Hunziker and Deputy Alerich were unable to locate Suspect PerezPena or the suspect vehicle. Deputy Hunziker and Deputy Alerich drove back and parked at the intersection of 109th place and Avalon Boulevard to preserve the scene and evidence of the shooting.

IAB Note: The involved Ford Explorer patrol vehicle was later parked northwest of the original parking location when the deputy involved shooting occurred. Forensic photographs taken during the crime scene investigation depict the final parked location of the involved patrol vehicle.

Detective Christopher Quintero and Deputy Russell Goudy Smith, unit 217H, responded to the location and assisted in establishing a containment of the area. Deputy Smith subsequently authored a criminal report (SH-AD-49) and supplemental report detailing his actions regarding the incident.

IAB Note: IAB Investigators collected copies of the criminal report, supplemental reports, and Scientific Services Bureau reports under file number 017-18901- 2199-057. The aforementioned documents will be referenced as EXHIBIT A of this IAB casebook.

Sergeant Troy Rodriquez, unit 214S, and Sergeant [redacted], unit 210S, also responded to the incident location to assist deputy personnel. A search of the area was conducted in an effort to locate Suspect PerezPena and/or the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle was located east of the incident location, [redacted], by Deputy David Gonzales and Deputy Carlos Galdamez, working as unit 213H. Suspect PerezPena was not located during the search of the area.

Deputies Alerich and Hunziker were not injured as a result of the shooting. The day of the incident it was unknown if Suspect PerezPena had sustained injuries from the shooting. No evidence was identified at the location of the incident, or within the suspect vehicle to indicate if Suspect PerezPena was injured as a result of the shooting.

IAB Investigators located and collected surveillance video **[EXHIBIT B]** captured by surveillance cameras at [redacted]. OSS Detective [redacted] subsequently responded to the incident location and conducted an investigation.

OSS Detective [redacted] located and collected surveillance video **[EXHIBIT C]** captured by surveillance cameras at [redacted].

Deputy John Chun, #[redacted], from Scientific Services Bureau also responded to the incident location to process and photograph **[EXHIBIT D]** the scene as well as photographing Deputy Alerich's duty weapon. Forensic Identification Specialist (FIS) Jackie Thompson, #[redacted], completed a detailed sketch **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 56-58]** of the incident location.

On January 16, 2018, Suspect PerezPena was taken into custody by deputies assigned to the OSS Gang Surveillance Unit. It was also confirmed Suspect PerezPena did not sustain injuries resulting from the deputy involved shooting of December 6, 2017.

ROUND COUNT

IAB Investigators responded to Century Station to conduct a round count of Deputy Alerich's duty weapon. On December 6, 2017, 0802 hours, the round count was conducted and audio recorded. Deputy Alerich rendered his duty weapon (Sig Sauer, P227, Serial #[redacted]) safe. Deputy Alerich's duty weapon contained one unexpended round (bullet) in the weapon's chamber and five unexpended rounds in the weapon's magazine (ten round capacity magazine). Deputy Alerich also carried three ten round magazines on his duty belt; both magazines were at capacity.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND WORK HISTORY

Nicholas R. Alerich, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

Central Patrol Division	
Century Station	
Date of Employment:	March 6, 2014
Date Assigned to Patrol/Century Station:	August 16, 2017
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Equipment Worn on Person

On December 6, 2017, Deputy Alerich was wearing his Class "A" uniform with a protective vest and a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment worn on his duty belt included his Sig Sauer P227, .45 caliber duty weapon, three loaded magazines, handcuffs, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, PR24 baton holder, collapsible baton, handheld radio, flashlight and keys.

John D. Hunziker, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

Central Patrol Division
Century Station
Date of Employment: April 12, 2006
Date Assigned to Patrol/Century Station: October 21, 2012
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn on Person

On December 6, 2017, Deputy Hunziker was wearing his Class "A" uniform with a protective vest and a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment worn on his duty belt included his Smith & Wesson M&P 9-millimeter duty weapon, two loaded magazines, handcuffs, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, baton holder, handheld radio, and keys.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Carolina PerezPena – Female, Hispanic, DOB: 11/07/89, 5-04, 140 lbs.



[redacted]

CII #[redacted], FBI #[redacted], MAIN #[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) revealed Suspect PerezPena was convicted of felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer and felony Vehicle Theft as a result of this deputy involved shooting. Suspect PerezPena's CCHRS Report is included in this IAB casebook as **[EXHIBIT E]**

SUSPECT INJURIES

Suspect PerezPena was not injured during this incident.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

Deputies were not injured during this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 51-53]**. Photographs **[EXHIBIT D]** of the two locations and identified evidence, including four expended .45 caliber casings, were collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Scientific Services Bureau personnel **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 54-55]**.

INVESTIGATORS OBSEVATIONS

Approximately three hours elapsed from the shooting to IAB Investigator's observations and walk through of the shooting location. The area of the shooting was a residential east/west street with an apartment complex on the north side of the street and a public business on the south side of the street. The street was dimly lit from adjacent street light.

Scientific Services Bureau was on scene and photographed the scene **[EXHIBIT D]**. The scene was described in detail by FIS Thompson in her diagrams **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 56-58]**. Her description of the scene was consistent with IAB Investigator's observations.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY ALERICH

Deputy Alerich fired five rounds of Department issued .45 caliber ammunition from his Department approved Sig Sauer .45 caliber, model P227, semiautomatic pistol (serial number #[redacted]). Deputy Alerich's duty weapon was collected by Deputy John Chun from Scientific Services Bureau and subsequently examined by Senior Criminalist Anny Wu, #[redacted], of the Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Identification section. The firearm was determined to be fully functional **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 59-60]**.

[redacted].

Date last qualified: [redacted].

> **IAB Note: [redacted], were included as miscellaneous documents within this IAB casebook.**

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT PEREZPENA

Suspect vehicle.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

The rear window of the suspect vehicle, 2015 KIA Optima, was shattered as a result of bullet impact. The suspect vehicle sustained one bullet hole to the dashboard console, between the driver's vent and stereo. The suspect vehicle also sustained a bullet hole to the dashboard area, above the stereo.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident took place on a clear early morning, at approximately 0214 hours. No visible daylight at the time of the incident. The scene was illuminated by overhead street lights at the location.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed Sheriff's Communications Center's (SCC) radio traffic associated with the incident **[EXHIBIT F]**. The following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

DISPATCH CHANNEL 4

02:14:00 Hours – Deputy Alerich requests the duplex patch. He conducts a radio broadcast advising of a deputy-involved shooting. He advises they are in pursuit of a 245 on a deputy suspect.

02:14:16 Hours – SCC requests the location of the deputy-involved shooting.

02:14:51 Hours – Unknown deputy requests SCC to patch in L-Tac frequency.

02:14:56 Hours – Unknown deputy requests Aero and SCC advises Aero is down.

02:15:06 Hours – Deputy Alerich advises 109th and Avalon as the location. He broadcasts suspect vehicle information and suspect information.

02:15:38 Hours – 213 Sam unit acknowledges responding to the location.

02:15:42 Hours – Deputy Alerich advises all deputies are accounted for, unknown for the suspect.

02:56:00 hours – SCC advised Century Station units to switch over to Mutual Aid 2. The Duplex Patch is dropped.

L-Tac-9

02:15:00 Hours – Deputy Alerich requests the duplex patch and is advised by an unknown deputy he is transmitting over L-Tac-9.

Frequency Dispatch Channel 4, L-Tac-9, and Mutual Aid 2 were utilized by Century Station personnel at the command post to coordinate resources.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

During a canvass of the scene, IAB investigators discovered video surveillance cameras at [redacted] Los Angeles. Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators obtained and reviewed the surveillance video footage associated with the incident **[Exhibit B]**. The following is a brief synopsis of the two video files:

[redacted] Los Angeles. Two Cameras on second floor of apartment complex. West Facing Camera, File ch01_20171206020501:

02:08:15 Hours – Blurred, unfocused view of the southeast corner of 109th Place and Avalon Boulevard. Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker conduct a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle.

02:08:22 Hours – Deputy Alerich makes contact at the passenger door of the suspect vehicle.

02:09:52 Hours – Deputy Alerich opens the suspect vehicle's passenger door.

02:10:30 Hours – Deputy Alerich closes the suspect vehicle's passenger door and walks back to the patrol vehicle's passenger side. Deputy Hunziker remains at the suspect vehicle's driver's door.

02:13:03 Hours – Deputy Alerich returns to the suspect vehicle's passenger door.

02:13:14 Hours – Deputy Alerich returns back to the patrol vehicle's passenger side.

02:13:27 Hours – The suspect vehicle's head light turn off.

[redacted] Los Angeles. Two Cameras on second floor of apartment complex. West Facing Camera, File ch01_20171206021000:

02:14:19 Hours – The suspect vehicle's head light turn on. Deputy Hunziker opens the suspect vehicle's door as Deputy Alerich begin to walk from the patrol vehicle.

02:14:21 Hours – The suspect vehicle flees the location eastbound on 109th Place, with Deputy Hunziker at the driver's door. Deputy Alerich approaching the suspect vehicle from behind.

02:14:23 Hours – Deputy Hunziker is separated from the suspect vehicle. Deputy Hunziker ducks his head and runs to his left as Deputy Alerich approaches on his right.

02:14:26 Hours – Deputy Alerich appears to holster his duty weapon and run back to the patrol vehicle with Deputy Hunziker.

02:14:34 Hours – Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker enter their patrol vehicle and travel eastbound on 109th Place.

02:16:05 Hours – Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker drive their patrol vehicle back to 109th Place and Avalon Boulevard.

Additional surveillance video **[EXHIBIT C]** was obtained from [redacted] Boulevard, Los Angeles. The additional surveillance video was collected by OSS Detective [redacted] and documented in her supplemental report **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 44-50]**. The supplemental report details the events captured by two camera channels, including individual elapsed times.

On December 26, 2017, IAB Investigators delivered copies of both surveillance videos **[EXHIBITS B and C].** to Fraud and Cyber Crimes, Technical Operations Detail Detective [redacted], #[redacted], for analyzing of video frame rate and clarity. An Axon Five Report was generated detailing the video's parameters, frame rate, and format **[EXHIBIT G].**

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

WITNESS DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER QUINTERO

On August 29, 2018, Deputy Christopher Quintero was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 6, 2017, Deputy Quintero worked patrol on EM shift, with his partner Deputy Russell Smith Goudy, as Century Station unit 217H. Deputy Quintero had been in patrol for approximately six years. He was assigned to Century Station in 2011.

Deputy Quintero learned of the deputy involved shooting via an emergency broadcast over the radio. He learned Century Station unit 213 Frank was involved in a shooting at 109th Place and Avalon Boulevard. Deputy Quintero and Deputy Goudy responded code three to the indicated location.

Upon their arrival, Deputy Quintero contacted Deputy Alerich who informed him the suspect vehicle had fled eastbound on 109th Place. Deputy Quintero ensured a containment of the area and a command post were established. A search of the contained area was conducted and the suspect was not found.

Deputy Quintero stated the suspect vehicle was subsequently located by Deputy Gonzales and Deputy Galdamez who were assigned to unit 213H early morning shift.

WITNESS DEPUTY RUSSELL SMITH GOUDY

On September 6, 2018, Deputy Russell Smith Goudy was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 6, 2017, Deputy Smith Goudy worked patrol on EM shift, with his Training Officer, Deputy Christopher Quintero, as Century Station unit 217H. Deputy Smith Goudy was on patrol training at the time of the incident. Deputy Smith Goudy completed his [redacted].

Deputy Smith Goudy recalled hearing radio traffic regarding a deputy involved shooting in the vicinity of 109th Place and Avalon Boulevard, in Los Angeles. Deputy Smith Goudy and Deputy Quintero responded code three to the indicated location. Deputy Smith Goudy ensured a containment of the area was established and a command post was established as well. Deputy Smith Goudy and Deputy Quintero manned the corner of 109th Place and Avalon Boulevard as part of the containment. Deputy Smith Goudy stated a search of the contained area was conducted and the suspect was not located.

Deputy Smith Goudy conducted a canvass of the area and documented his actions in his supplemental report. He additionally authored the criminal report associated with this incident.

WITNESS SERGEANT TROY RODRIQUEZ

On August 29, 2018, Sergeant Troy Rodriquez was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 6, 2017, Sergeant Troy Rodriquez worked as a field sergeant on EM shift, unit 214S. Sergeant Rodriquez was assigned to Century Station in April of 2017. Sergeant Rodriquez informed IAB Investigators he learned of the deputy involved shooting over his radio. He responded code three to 109th Place and Avalon Boulevard regarding the shooting.

Sergeant Rodriquez arrived at the location and spoke with Deputy Alerich, who provided him with a safety statement regarding the direction of his shots fired. Sergeant Rodriquez notified the Watch Commander regarding the information he had obtained from Deputy Alerich. Additionally, Sergeant Rodriquez ensured the area indicated by Deputy Alerich was canvassed for possible injured victims.

Sergeant Rodriquez confirmed a containment was established by Century Station personnel and a search for the suspect was conducted. The suspect was not apprehended as a result of the search. Sergeant Rodriquez stated Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker were transported to Century Station by Sergeant [redacted].

WITNESS SERGEANT [redacted]

On September 5, 2018, Sergeant [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 6, 2017, Sergeant [redacted] worked as a field sergeant on EM shift, unit 210S. Sergeant [redacted] was assigned to Century Station in 2014. Sergeant [redacted] stated he first learned of the deputy involved shooting via an emergency broadcast over his radio. He responded code three to 109th Place and Avalon Boulevard regarding the shooting.

Sergeant [redacted] contacted Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker at the indicated location and insured they were safe and unharmed. Sergeant [redacted] informed the incident command post he would be transporting Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker to Century Station.

Prior to the transportation, Sergeant [redacted] advised Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker they were not to discuss the incident. At Century Station, Sergeant [redacted] escorted Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker to the Watch Sergeant's office, where they remained. Sergeant [redacted] ensured Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker were provided food and water as needed.

WITNESS DEPUTY DAVID GONZALES

On September 12, 2018, Deputy David Gonzales was interviewed by IAB Investigator Sergeant Javier Azteca. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 6, 2017, Deputy David Gonzales worked patrol on EM shift, with his partner, Deputy Carlos Galdamez, as Century Station unit 213H. Deputy Gonzales was assigned to Century Station in October of 2016 and has remained there since.

Deputy Gonzales and Deputy Galdamez responded to 109th Place and Avalon Boulevard after hearing the emergent radio traffic over the duplex patch regarding the deputy involved shooting. Deputy Gonzales stated he and his partner were one of the first units to arrive on scene following the shooting.

Deputy Gonzales and Deputy Galdamez were directed to check the area east of the incident location. They were advised the suspect vehicle was last seen traveling eastbound on 109th Place. Deputy Gonzales and Deputy Galdamez subsequently located the unoccupied suspect vehicle in an alleyway which connected 109th Place and 111th Place. They advised the handling unit, 217H, of the location of the suspect vehicle and contained the immediate area.

Deputy Gonzales stated he and Deputy Galdamez canvassed the area near the suspect vehicle. Deputy Gonzales and Deputy Galdamez identified a motorhome parked on 111th Place as a possible source of information regarding the incident. The two occupants of the motorhome stated they did not witness the incident. They heard a vehicle come to a stop and someone knocking on the door of their motorhome thereafter. The occupants did not answer the door **[EXHIBIT A, page 37]**.

WITNESS DEPUTY CARLOS GALDAMEZ

On September 12, 2018, Deputy Carlos Galdamez was interviewed by IAB Investigator Sergeant Javier Azteca. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 6, 2017, Deputy Carlos Galdamez worked patrol on EM shift, with his partner, Deputy David Gonzales, as Century Station unit 213H. Deputy Galdamez was assigned to Century Station in 2014 and has remained there since.

Deputy Galdamez stated he first learned of the deputy involved shooting as a result of an emergency clearance over his radio. He and his partner, Deputy Gonzales, responded code three to the incident location to assist. At the location, Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker informed them of the last seen direct of the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Galdamez and Deputy Gonzales searched the area for the suspect vehicle and ultimately located the suspect vehicle east of the incident location. They advised the handling unit of the location of the suspect vehicle and proceeded to canvass the immediate area for witnesses. They contacted the occupants of a motorhome parked along the north sidewalk of 111th Place and inquired if they had witnessed the incident. The two occupants of the motor home did not witness the incident.

Deputy Galdamez and Deputy Gonzales were subsequently relieved of their post by Deputy De Casas and Deputy Ortiz.

WITNESS DEPUTY ADRIAN DE CASAS

On September 5, 2018, Deputy Adrian De Casas was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 6, 2017, Deputy Adrian De Casas worked patrol on AM shift with his partner, Deputy Jorge Ortiz, as Century Station unit 213B. Deputy De Casas was assigned to Century Station in December of 2011.

At the beginning of their shift, Deputy De Casa was advised by the Century Station desk of the deputy involved shooting. He was instructed to respond to the incident location and relieve a unit on a containment spot. Deputy De Casas and Deputy Ortiz responded to the location and took control of the containment spot.

While at the scene, Deputy Ortiz was tasked by Deputy John Chun to recover and book evidence **[EXHIBIT A, Page 38]** found inside the suspect vehicle. Deputy Ortiz subsequently completed a CHP-180 for the suspect vehicle **[EXHIBIT A, Page 22]**. No additional tasks were completed by Deputy De Casas or Deputy Ortiz.

WITNESS DEPUTY JORGE ORTIZ

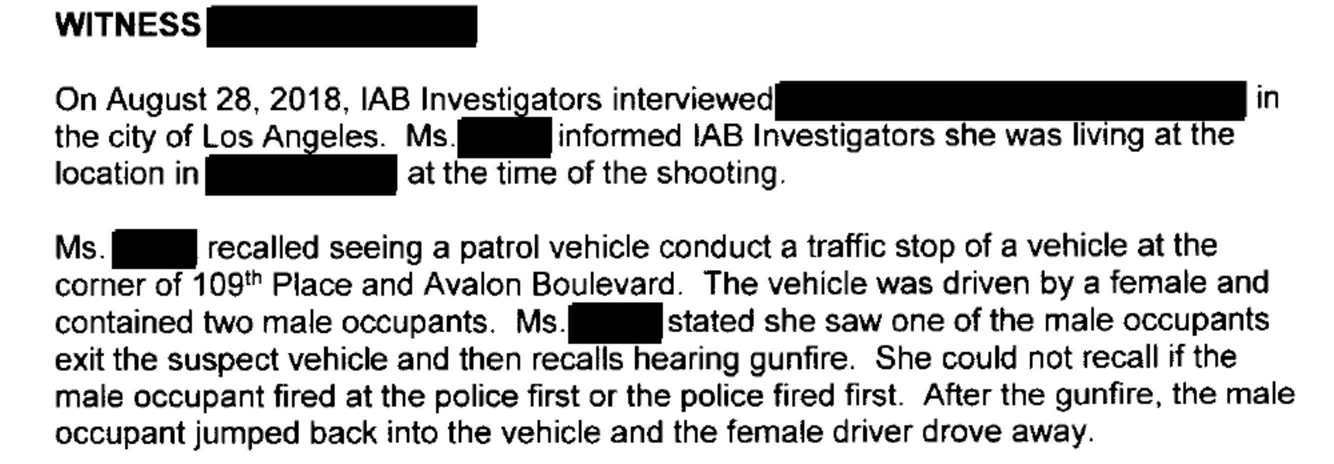
On August 29, 2018, Deputy Jorge Ortiz was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 6, 2017, Deputy Jorge Ortiz worked patrol on AM shift with his Field Training Officer, Deputy Adrian De Casas, as Century Station unit 213B. Deputy Ortiz was assigned to Century Station in August of 2017 and completed [redacted].

Deputy Ortiz stated he was informed by Deputy De Casas of the deputy involved shooting which had taken place a few hours prior. They responded to the incident location to relieve a unit at a containment spot near the location of the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Ortiz subsequently completed a CHP-180 detailing the impounding of the suspect vehicle. He additionally booked evidence **[EXHIBIT A, Page 38]** found inside the suspect vehicle, at the direction of Scientific Services Bureau Deputy John Chun. Once the suspect vehicle was towed from the location, the containment was broken down and no additional action was taken by Deputy Ortiz.

<u>**CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS**</u>



WITNESS [redacted]

On August 28, 2018, IAB Investigators interviewed [redacted] in the city of Los Angeles. Ms. [redacted] informed IAB Investigators she was living at the location in [redacted] at the time of the shooting.

Ms. [redacted] recalled seeing a patrol vehicle conduct a traffic stop of a vehicle at the corner of 109th Place and Avalon Boulevard. The vehicle was driven by a female and contained two male occupants. Ms. [redacted] stated she saw one of the male occupants exit the suspect vehicle and then recalls hearing gunfire. She could not recall if the male occupant fired at the police first or the police fired first. After the gunfire, the male occupant jumped back into the vehicle and the female driver drove away.

The patrol vehicle followed the vehicle eastbound on 109th Place. Approximately five minutes after the patrol vehicle drove off, several patrol vehicles responded to the location.

IAB Note: [redacted] **observations were made from the** [redacted] **of her apartment complex. The surveillance video recovered by IAB Investigators was captured by a camera on the eave fascia board** [redacted]**.**

SUSPECT STATEMENTS

SUSPECT CAROLINA PEREZPENA

On January 17, 2018, IAB Investigators interviewed Suspect PerezPena at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) where she was housed under booking number #5205906. IAB Investigators explained the reason for the interview and asked Suspect PerezPena to provide additional information regarding the incident of December 6, 2017.

Suspect PerezPena left her ex-boyfriend's home, who lived in the area, and was driving his car to her home when she was stopped by deputies at 109th and Avalon. The deputies conducting the traffic stop activated their overhead lights during the stop. Suspect PerezPena said she was aware the vehicle she was driving was stolen.

Deputies approached the vehicle along both sides. Suspect PerezPena first spoke with the deputy who approached her driver's door. The deputy at the driver's door opened the vehicle's door, asked her for the vehicle registration and for her identification. Suspect PerezPena only had in her possession a paper copy of her driver's license and began to look for it in the vehicle's center console.

Suspect PerezPena informed the deputy standing at the driver's side of her name and driver's license number, which was then provided to the deputy on the passenger side. The deputy at the passenger door returned to the patrol vehicle while Suspect PerezPena remained in the vehicle.

The deputy at the vehicle's driver's door was no longer speaking with Suspect PerezPena and she panicked. The vehicle's driver's door was still open with the deputy standing by, holding the door. Suspect PerezPena turned on the vehicle's ignition with the intent to drive the vehicle back to her ex-boyfriend's house. She believed if she made it inside her ex-boyfriend's house, the deputies would not go inside the house after her.

The deputy at the vehicle's driver's door grabbed Suspect PerezPena's left side with one hand as she accelerated away from the scene in a panic. Suspect PerezPena did not know what happened to the deputy as she accelerated away, but did recall hearing approximately eight gunshots as the vehicle's rear window shattered. Suspect PerezPena drove eastbound on 109th Place to southbound on McKinley Avenue then eastbound 111th Place. Suspect PerezPena parked the vehicle along a fence, exited, and checked herself for injuries. She made her way to a trailer and knocked on the trailer door before she began to jump over fences in the area.

Suspect PerezPena subsequently rested against a wall and lost consciousness for a few hours. She awoke at approximately 0700 hours in the backyard of a residence. Suspect PerezPena walked out of the area without being apprehended.

Suspect PerezPena informed IAB Investigators prior to her contact with deputies she had been consuming alcohol and smoking methamphetamine with her ex-boyfriend. Suspect PerezPena stated, "Because that was a day that we were out, we were partying, we were high all weekend. We were partying."

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY NICHOLAS ALERICH

On December 19, 2017, Deputy Nicholas Alerich was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Javier Azteca and James Jordan at the IAB office in the city of Commerce. Deputy Alerich was represented by Amanda Waters of Rains, Lucia and Stern Law Office.

On December 6, 2017, Deputy Alerich was assigned to Century Station, working unit 213F from [redacted] on early morning shift. Deputy Alerich was in his [redacted] and was working with his training officer, Deputy John Hunziker on early morning shift.

IAB Investigators presented Deputy Alerich with photographs of his person **[EXHIBIT H, Pages 1- 4]** taken by Scientific Services Bureau hours after the deputy involved shooting. Deputy Alerich validated the photographs to be of him and reviewed the equipment he wore on his person at the time of the deputy involved shooting, including his duty weapon.

Deputy Alerich detailed the events that led up to the deputy involved shooting of December 6, 2017. Deputy Alerich and his partner were traveling westbound on 111th Street when they observed the suspect vehicle travelling approximately 100 yards in from of their patrol vehicle. Deputy Alerich observed the vehicle had "paper plates" and failed to signal prior to conducting a right turn onto Avalon Boulevard from 111th.

> **IAB Note: The term "paper plates" is used to describe the automotive dealership advertisement displayed in the designated area when a motor vehicle does not have DMV issued license plates.**

Deputy Alerich and Deputy Hunziker conducted a traffic stop at the Avalon Boulevard and 109th Place regarding the vehicle code violation observed. IAB Investigators presented Deputy Alerich with a Google Earth Maps photograph **[EXHIBIT H, Page 5]** of the indicated area. Deputy Alerich was asked to note the position of their patrol vehicle and the suspect vehicle on the map.

Deputy Alerich approached the vehicle on the right side and asked the driver (Suspect PerezPena) to turn off the car as Deputy Hunziker approached along the vehicle's left side. Deputy Hunziker asked Suspect PerezPena if she had a valid driver's license.

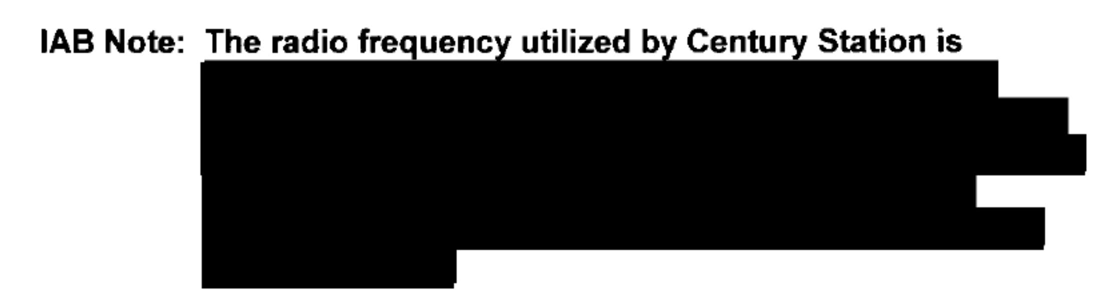
Suspect PerezPena informed Deputy Hunziker she had a paper copy of her identification. Suspect PerezPena was unable to locate the paper copy within the vehicle, so she provided Deputy Alerich with her last name, date of birth, and driver's license number.

Deputy Alerich returned to the patrol vehicle and conducted a record check via MDC. The record check revealed Suspect PerezPena's driving privileges had been suspended or revoked by DMV. Deputy Alerich returned to the vehicle and informed Deputy Hunziker of the record check return.

Duty Hunziker asked Deputy Alerich to conduct a record check of the vehicle's VIN. Deputy Alerich returned to the patrol vehicle and conducted a record check of the VIN via the patrol vehicle's MDC. The record check revealed the vehicle was reported stolen. Deputy Alerich confirmed the return information which detailed the stolen vehicle to be a 2015 Kia Optima, reported by LAPD.

Deputy Alerich stated, "As I was exiting the vehicle, out of my vehicle, I switched over to direct, Dispatch 4 direct, and I notified my partner that it was a stolen vehicle or 1029-Victor, a stolen vehicle."

IAB Note: The radio frequency utilized by Century Station is [redacted]



Deputy Alerich began to walk toward the vehicle's driver's side to assist Deputy Hunziker. Deputy Alerich observed Deputy Hunziker open the vehicle's driver's side door to remove Suspect PerezPena from the vehicle. Deputy Alerich heard the vehicle's engine accelerate and observed Deputy Hunziker's torso enter the vehicle. Deputy Alerich said, at that point, he was approximately six feet from the vehicle's rear center. Deputy Alerich observed the vehicle accelerate and drive away, with Deputy Hunziker still partially inside the vehicle.

Deputy Alerich could no longer see Deputy Hunziker as the vehicle traveled eastbound on 109th Place. Deputy Alerich stated, "Once I lost sight of him, I knew in my head he's either about to be under the vehicle, or underneath the vehicle at that point."

Deputy Alerich immediately ran toward the center of 109th Place and centered himself with the back of the accelerating suspect vehicle. Deputy Alerich fired his duty weapon toward the vehicle's driver's seat to stop Suspect PerezPena from continuing to drive.

Deputy Alerich referred back to the Google Earth Maps photograph **[EXHIBIT H, Page 5]** and noted his position on 109th Place when he fired his fist shot. His firing position was identified with an "X" marking and a "1" adjacent to it to identify it as his first shot. Deputy Alerich estimated he was approximately six feet from the suspect vehicle when he fired the first shot from his duty weapon. Deputy Alerich explained he believed his partner was going to die and believed there was no other option to stop the threat other than lethal force. Deputy Alerich fired a single volley consisting of five rounds.

Deputy Alerich saw Deputy Hunziker break off from the suspect vehicle and regain his stance along the north side of 109th Place. Deputy Alerich estimated Deputy Hunziker was approximately seven feet northeast of his position when he seized fire.

Deputy Alerich initiates an emergency broadcast as he and Deputy Hunziker made their way back to their patrol vehicle (parked on Avalon Boulevard). Deputy Alerich broadcasted deputy involved shooting at 109th and Avalon and 245 vehicle on a deputy. He additionally stated they were in pursuit of the suspect vehicle. Deputy Alerich believed it was not a pursuit since they did not have a visual on the suspect vehicle when they drove eastbound on 109th Place.

IAB Investigators presented Deputy Alerich with a black and white Google Earth Maps photograph **[EXHIBIT H, Page 6]** and asked him to outline his path of travel. Deputy Alerich noted eastbound 109th Place, to southbound Stanford Avenue, to westbound 110th Street, to northbound Avalon Boulevard.

Deputy Alerich was provided an opportunity to view surveillance videos **[EXHIBIT B and C]** of the incident. After viewing the videos, Deputy Alerich made one clarification to the path of travel taken after the deputy involved shooting. Deputy Alerich corrected they drove eastbound on 109th Place, to northbound Stanford Avenue, to westbound 109th Street, to southbound Avalon Boulevard.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JOHN HUNZIKER

On January 4, 2018, Deputy John Hunziker was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Javier Azteca and James Jordan at the IAB office in the city of Commerce. Deputy Hunziker was represented by Amanda Waters of Rains, Lucia and Stern Law Office.

On December 6, 2017, Deputy Hunziker was assigned to Century Station, working unit 213F from 1900 hours to 0500 hours on early morning shift. Unit 213F is primarily assigned to patrol the Willowbrook and Athens area.

IAB Investigators presented Deputy Hunziker with photographs of his person **[EXHIBIT I, Pages 1- 5]** taken by Scientific Services Bureau hours after the deputy involved shooting. Deputy Hunziker validated the photographs to be of him and reviewed the equipment he had on his person at the time of the deputy involved shooting, including his duty weapon.

IAB Investigators additionally presented Deputy Hunziker with a black and white Google Earth Maps photograph **[EXHIBIT I, Page 6]** and referred him back to his supplemental report **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 41-43].** In his supplemental report Deputy Hunziker indicates the traffic stop of the suspect vehicle was conducted at Avalon Boulevard and 109th Street. Deputy Hunziker was presented with a color Google Earth Maps photograph **[EXHIBIT I, Page 7]** for further clarification. Deputy Hunziker clarified the traffic stop was conducted at Avalon Boulevard and 109th Place. He additionally noted the positioning of the patrol vehicle and suspect vehicle **[EXHIBIT I, Page 7]** on Avalon Boulevard.

During the traffic stop of the suspect vehicle, Deputy Hunziker approached from the driver's side as Deputy Alerich approached from the right. Deputy Hunziker contacted the driver (Suspect PerezPena) and asked her if she had a valid driver's license. Suspect PerezPena advised Deputy Hunziker she had a copy of her driver's license and proceeded to look for it, but was unable to locate it. Deputy Hunziker described Suspect PerezPena's demeanor as cooperative, answering his questions, and she did not appear to be under the influence.

Suspect PerezPena verbally provided Deputy Alerich her name, date of birth and driver's license number which he utilized to conduct a record check from their patrol vehicle. Deputy Hunziker continued to speak with Suspect PerezPena and learned Suspect PerezPena had been previously arrested for a stolen vehicle in 2016.

Deputy Alerich returned from their patrol vehicle and Deputy Hunziker asked him to conduct a record check of the suspect vehicle's VIN. Deputy Alerich subsequently advised Deputy Hunziker, over direct, the vehicle was reported stolen. Deputy Hunziker turned to see Deputy Alerich exit their patrol vehicle and begin to approach him (Deputy Hunziker).

Deputy Hunziker explained to IAB Investigators he did not feel it was necessary to detain Suspect PerezPena at gun point once he learned the vehicle was reported stolen. Deputy Hunziker's decision was based on Suspect PerezPena's cooperative nature, forthcoming with information, calm demeanor, and sole occupant of the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Hunziker opened the vehicle driver's door and asked Suspect PerezPena to step out. Deputy Hunziker grabbed Suspect PerezPena's left arm and she jerked away, breaking grip with Deputy Hunziker's left hand. Deputy Hunziker maintained grip of Suspect PerezPena's left bicep area with his right hand as Suspect PerezPena extended her right arm toward the ignition area of the steering column.

Deputy Hunziker did not recall hearing the vehicle's ignition turn, but felt the vehicle's forward movement. Deputy Hunziker felt the vehicle turning and realized he was caught in the car. The momentum of the vehicle, as it turned, "flung" Deputy Hunziker out of the vehicle.

Deputy Hunziker regained his balance as he ran in a northeast direction on 109th Place, toward the sidewalk. He heard gunshots and was unsure if the shots were coming from the suspect vehicle as the suspect vehicle's rear window shattered. Deputy Hunziker then saw Deputy Alerich with his duty weapon drawn and learned Deputy Alerich was the shooter. Deputy Hunziker was presented with a color photograph of Google Earth Maps **[EXHIBIT I, Page 8]** and asked to note his position on 109th Place when he heard the first gunshot.

Deputy Hunziker asked Deputy Alerich if he was okay then instructed him to initiate an emergency broadcast. Deputy Hunziker and Deputy Alerich returned to their patrol vehicle and drove toward the suspect's last seen direction, eastbound 109th Place. Deputy Hunziker stated once he drove onto 109th Place, from Avalon Boulevard, he could not see the taillights of the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Hunziker was provided an opportunity to view surveillance video **[EXHIBIT B]**. Deputy Hunziker did not make changes to his statements made prior to viewing the surveillance video. Deputy Hunziker was presented with a black and white Google Earth Maps photograph **[EXHIBIT I, Page 6]** and asked him to outline his path of travel. Deputy Hunziker noted eastbound 109th Place, to northbound Wadsworth Avenue, to westbound 109th Street, to southbound Avalon Boulevard. The patrol vehicle was parked on Avalon Boulevard and 109th Place.

Deputy Hunziker stated Deputy Quintero and Deputy Smith Goudy were the first to respond to their location. Sergeant Troy Rodriquez was the first supervisor on scene, who gathered preliminary incident information from Deputy Hunziker. Deputy Hunziker and Deputy Alerich were subsequently transported from the scene by Sergeant [redacted].

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB Investigators interviewed the following persons who did not witness the deputy involved shooting; [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted]. The aforementioned persons are residents of the apartment complex located at [redacted].

Precise wording of their interviews may be obtained by reviewing the digital audio recorded interviews **[EXHIBIT J]**.

On January 18, 2018, Suspect PerezPena was criminally charged with violation of Penal Code 245(c), Vehicle Code 10851(a), and Vehicle Code 14601.1(a) under case #TA145201. On June 19, 20018, Suspect PerezPena pled "no contest" to violation of Penal Code 245(c), and Vehicle Code 10851(a). She was found guilty.